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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>01 April 2008</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1,2,4,6-9,11,25,26,28,30-33,36,49,51 and 53-68</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>3,5,27,29,35,50 and 52</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1,2,4,6-9,11,25,26,28,30-33,36,49,51 and 53-68</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☒ Claim(s) _ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>20 August 2003</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

     Applicant's submission filed on April 1, 2008 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11, 25-26, 28, 30-33, 36, 49, 51, and 53-68 have been examined.

Response to Amendments

3. In the instant amendments, claims 1-2, 4, 6, 25, 26, 28, 30, 49, 51, 53, 55, and 61-62 have been amended; claims 3, 5, 27, 29, 35, 50, and 52 are canceled; claims 63-68 are newly added.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicants' arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11, 25-26, 28, 30-33, 36, 49, 51, and 53-68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Windows XP in a Nutshell", Safari Books Online, published April 2002 (art made of record, hereafter "WindowsXP").

Claim 1:

WindowsXP discloses a task library, a computer system, a computer-readable medium, and *a method for creating a task library* (e.g., page 19, Control Panel) *on a computer, comprising:*

obtaining task data for a plurality of components installed on the computer (e.g., page 19, obtaining applets and control panel extensions; page 20, FIG. 4-16, obtaining task data and displaying category and standard views),

the plurality of components comprising a plurality of software applications (e.g., pp. 24-26, FIG. 4-9, a plurality of applets and control panel extensions as a plurality of software applications),

wherein the task data comprises reference information to assist a user in regard to a plurality of tasks implemented by the plurality of components (e.g., pp. 24-26, FIG. 4-9, Admin Tools, setting Date and Time, Appearance and Themes, setting keyboard and mouse, ...),

wherein at least one task of the plurality of tasks is collectively implemented by at least two of the plurality of components (e.g., page 23, Command-line Usage, each task implemented by a first software component (\windows\system32\control.exe in p.19 or applet_name in page 23) and at least a second software component (filename.cpl or tab) in page 23), *and*

wherein at least some task data corresponding to the plurality of components is configured such that the corresponding component or components may be manipulated from within the task library (e.g., pp. 20-22, FIG. 4-16, setting/changing configuration in Control Panel);

generating task links referencing the task data for the plurality of components according to a predetermined schema (e.g., pp. 19-24, using either category view or standard view (predetermined schema), tasks are accessible by the generated task links; tasks may be accessed by Start menu, Windows Explorer, My

Computer, and Command Prompt; page 22, links and Task index; page 23, links to access tabs); *and*

storing the task data and the task links as the task library (e.g., page 19, Control Panel as a container for said applets or control panel extensions).

Claim 2:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer further comprises at least one hardware device* (e.g., pp. 24-26, displaying/setting monitor, mouse, keyboard).

Claim 4:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer further comprises at least one operating system component* (e.g., pp. 24-26, Admin tools, System tool).

Claim 6:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer further comprises at least one component operating on another computer* (e.g., pp. 24-26, network connections, LAN connections, sharing files/folders with another computer).

Claim 7:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer are from a plurality of component providers* (e.g., pp. 24-26, hardware device/software from third-party vendors).

Claim 8:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to predetermined topics* (e.g., page 22, topics in category view).

Claim 9:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to an alphabetic ordering of the subject matter of the task data* (e.g., page 21, FIG. 4-17, sorted by alphabetic order in Start menu).

Claim 11:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the task data further comprises a plurality of tasks, and wherein each task corresponds to a particular topic relating to a corresponding component of the plurality of components* (e.g., page 20, FIG. 4-16, category view/standard view).

Claims 25-26, 28, 30-33 and 36:

Claims 25-26, 28, 30-33 and 36 are computer system versions, which recite the same limitations as those of claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, and 11, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claims, it also teaches all of the limitations of claims 25-26, 28, 30-33, and 36.

Claim 49:

WindowsXP discloses *a method for executing a task relating to a first component on a computer without changing user context from a second component, the method comprising:*

retrieving a plurality of tasks from a task library (e.g., page 19, Control Panel as a task library),

the task library comprising a plurality of tasks implemented by a plurality of components installed on the computer (e.g., pp. 19-22, a plurality of applets and control panel extensions);

wherein the plurality of components comprises more than one software application (e.g., pp. 24-26, FIG. 4-9, list of software applications)*, and*

wherein at least one task of the plurality of tasks is collectively implemented by at least two of the plurality of components (e.g., page 23, Command-line usage using two components to implement the task such as "control fifename.cpl" or "applet_name, tab")*;*

displaying the retrieved tasks to a user (e.g., pp. 23-24, displaying the retrieved tasks included in "filename.cpl" or "applet_name, tab" in category view, standard view, tabbed dialogs to a user)

within the context of the second component (e.g., pages 19 and 23, within the context of "\windows\system32\control.exe", i.e., Control Panel, as the second component)*;*

detecting the user's selection of a displayed task (e.g., pp. 24-26, Table 4-9, list of first components which can have subtasks to be selected in tabbed dialogs as disclosed in page 23)*; and*

executing an action associated with the selected task and the first component (e.g., page 24-29, setting/changing configuration with the selected subtask in the tabbed dialogs with "filename.cpl" or "applet_name, tab" as the first component)

without changing the user context from the second component (e.g., page 19, the user context of Control Panel (the second component), as merely a container, does not change)*.*

Claim 51:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components further comprises at least one hardware component* (e.g., pp. 24-26, monitor, mouse, keyboard)*.*

Claim 53:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the plurality of components further comprises one operating system component* (e.g., pp. 24-26, Admin. tools, System tools).

Claim 54:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *tasks in the task library are organized according to a predefined schema* (e.g., pp. 19-24, category view, standard view, Start menu).

Claim 55:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *retrieving a plurality of tasks from the task library further comprises retrieving the plurality of tasks from the task library according to the second component's context* (e.g., pp. 19-22, retrieving tasks according to Control Panel).

Claim 56:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks* (e.g., pp. 19-24, category view).

Claim 57:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks, such that more relevant tasks are displayed more prominently to the user* (e.g., pp. 19-24, customized view).

Claim 58:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with*

which the user has previously selected each task (e.g., pp. 19-24, advanced settings).

Claim 59:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with which a plurality of users have previously selected each task* (e.g., page 20, FIG. 4-16).

Claim 60:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. WindowsXP also discloses *determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to computer state information* (e.g., page 21, FIG. 4-17).

Claim 61:

Claim 61 is a computer-readable storage medium version, which recites the same limitations as those of claim 1, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claim, it also teaches all of the limitations of claim 61.

Claim 62:

Claim 62 is a computer-readable medium version, which recites the same limitations as those of claim 49, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claim, it also teaches all of the limitations of claim 62.

Claim 63 (new):

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP discloses *the at least one task of the plurality of tasks is collectively implemented by at least two software applications* (e.g., pp. 24-26, Admin tools, Date and Time, Appearance and Themes).

Claim 64 (new):

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. WindowsXP discloses *the at least one task of the plurality of tasks is collectively implemented by at least one software application and one hardware device* (e.g., pp. 24-26, setting monitor, mouse, keyboard).

Claims 65-68 (new):

Claims 65-68 are computer system and method versions, which recite the same limitations as those of claims 63-64, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claims, it also teaches all of the limitations of claims 65-68.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone/fax numbers are (571) 272 8570 and (571) 273 8570, respectively. The examiner can normally be reached on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272 2100.

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